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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT,
NOVEMBER 2

1. AMBASSADOR SCALI PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT AT WALDORF, NOVEMBER 2. PRESENT WERE LIBERIAN FONMIN DENNIS AND AMBASSADORS BARNES, HARMON AND PEAL. AMBASSADOR SCALI WELCOMED PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND TOLD HIM HOW MUCH PRESIDENT FORD WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR MEETING, NOVEMBER 5. OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE A GREAT DEAL AND HAVE A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS A "GOOD AFRICAN", HE IS ONE WHO RESPECTS FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN VALUES TOLBERT WAS GREATLY FLATTERED AND CITED A BAPTIST SAYING WHICH POINTED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO AGREE TO DISAGREE.

2. AMBASSADOR SCALI CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON HIS EXCELLENT TOAST AT LUNCH THAT DAY, PARTICULARLY HIS APPRAISAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. THE VETO BOUGHT TIME FOR SOUTH AFRICA--WHICH WE HOPE PRETORIA WILL USE WELL. TOLBERT SAID THAT LIBERIA PLEDGED TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. (FOLLOWING THE MEETING, FONMIN DENNIS SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE PERSONAL SINCERITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP BOTHA.)

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3. AMBASSADOR SCALI THANKED PRESIDENT TOLBERT FOR LIBERIAN
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